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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7817

BILL NUMBER: SB 533

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 1, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 24, 2005

SUBJECT: Various Driver Licensing Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Riegsecker

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Lehe

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**

X DEDICATED

X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill: (1) revises conflicting language concerning public records confidentiality; (2) requires the Driver Licensing Medical Advisory Board (DLMAB) to assist the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS); and (3) the OTS to develop programs and materials concerning senior citizens' driving ability; (4) provides that certain driver's licenses issued to individuals at least 85 years of age expire two years after issuance and that a vision examination is required to renew these licenses; (5) grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to a licensed physician, optometrist, or advanced practice nurse who makes a report to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) concerning a patient's fitness to operate a motor vehicle not more than 30 days after having examined the patient; and (6) makes a technical correction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *(Part 1):* This part will have no fiscal impact.

(Parts 2 and 3): The Office of Traffic Safety reports that the materials and programs required to comply with this provision would come from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and would be furnished at no charge to the OTS. The DLMAB provides assistance to the Commissioner of the BMV and the OTS with the driver licensing laws. It will continue to do so under this new provision. Whatever expenditures are attributable to this effort for the DLMAB will be minimal. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA), which supports the BMV.

(Part 4): The bill provides that certain driver's licenses issued to individuals at least 85 years of age expire two years after issuance and that a vision examination is required to renew these licenses. Current licenses expire after four years. This part will require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission (BMVC) to conduct more

vision examinations than otherwise might occur. The fund affected is the State License Branch Fund, which supports the BMVC.

Explanation of State Revenues: *(Part 4)*: To the extent that drivers at least 85 years of age will renew driver's licenses every two years as opposed to every four years, there may be a slight revenue increase. The fee for an operator's license is \$14 and is deposited in the MVHA. As of 2002, Indiana had 98,317 individuals aged 85 and over.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission; Office of Traffic Safety.

Local Agencies Affected:

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